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Hon. Nita M. Lowey
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Hon. Richard C. Shelby
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Hon. Kay Granger
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Hon. Patrick Leahy
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S-146A, the Capitol
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Dear Chairwoman Lowey, Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Granger, and Vice Chairman Leahy:

When the House of Representatives and the Senate meet to reconcile the differences between their versions of the Defense Appropriations Act, 2020, we respectfully ask that, under the Soldier Lethality Technology program element within the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army account, you provide an increase of \$3,626,000 for Medical Simulation and Training. The House-passed version of the bill included this program increase, while the Senate bill did not. See H.R. 2968; House Report 116-84; and H.R. 2740.

This funding is critical for the development of advanced modeling, simulation, and training capabilities in support of the Army Futures Command Synthetic Training Environment Cross Functional Team and the Army Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training & Instrumentation's (PEO STRI) Medical Simulation Training Center. The Medical Simulation and Training program is the only source of medical simulation training research and provides the Army with the ability to modernize tactical combat casualty care for soldiers, combat medics, and combat life savers.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Murphy
Member of Congress

cc: Hon. Peter J. Visclosky, Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense

Hon. Ken Calvert, Ranking Member, House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense

Hon. Richard J. Durbin, Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense